Stanford Family Adventures

**Mediterranean Family Adventure**

**LAND OF GODS AND HEROES**

July 26 to August 6, 2016

a program of the stanford alumni association
For 20 years, Stanford families have cruised the Mediterranean, seeing ancient monuments and visiting sites that most people learn about only in school. When I went on this program a few years ago, I was inspired by the curiosity and camaraderie of our family travelers, and I could hardly believe just how much fun travel can be. This year we are back yet again to explore the fabled shores of Italy and Greece, this time aboard the luxurious Sea Dream I and in the company of all-star faculty leader, classicist Marsh McCall, and our creative and zany Young Explorer leaders. This is a voyage not to be missed. Join us!

BRETT S. THOMPSON, ’83, DIRECTOR, STANFORD TRAVEL/STUDY

Highlights

CLIMB to the summit of Mount Vesuvius after exploring the preserved remains of Pompeii, buried by a Vesuvius eruption in 79 C.E.

RELAX with family and friends aboard the deluxe Sea Dream I as we cruise from port to port.

GO for the gold competing with other families in the Stanford Family Olympics.

FOLLOW in the footsteps of ancient armed combatants in Rome’s Colosseum at Gladiator School.
When he was in the third grade, classics professor Marsh McCall decided he would become a teacher—and he certainly met that goal! For three decades, Marsh has introduced legions of Stanford students to the study of classics. Marsh has enchanted thousands of participants on more than 35 Travel/Study programs with his lectures and on-site readings of classical authors. A seven-time grandparent, he is looking forward to leading his first family program. As Professor McCall says, “What makes the trips so intensely rewarding is being able to stand on-site and read in translation some of the passages from the great works of antiquity that are connected to that location. I am eager to teach the youngest members of the Stanford family about the exciting world of myths, heroes and gods while traveling through the birthplaces of these rich stories.”

— Stanford professor of classics since 1976; former chair, classics department; associate dean, undergraduate studies; chair, Western culture program committee; and dean, Continuing Studies
— Recipient of Stanford’s Dinkelspiel Award for outstanding service to undergraduate education, the Lyman Award for faculty volunteer service, the Phi Beta Kappa Award, and the 2013 School of Humanities and Sciences Lifetime Teaching Award
— PhD, classics, Harvard University

“It was wonderful—Marsh brought history alive!”

Gerry Goldsholle, CRT ’87, MLA ’09, and Myra Levenson, Insider’s Greece, 2013

OR BY PHONE: (650) 725-1093
TU eSDAY & W eDne SDAY, JULY 26 & 27
U.s. / rome, italy
Depart the U.S. on an overnight flight to Rome. Upon arrival on Wednesday, head to our hotel and gather with fellow family adventurers for a welcome reception. gRAnD HoTeL De LA MIneRVe

THURSDAY, JULY 28
rome
Adults attend a lecture while kids meet in their Young Explorer groups, then everyone gathers for a walking tour of Rome’s historic center, including the Piazza Navona, the Pantheon and the Trevi Fountain. Enjoy a welcome dinner before taking in Michelangelo’s masterpiece during a special, after-hours tour of the Vatican’s Sistine Chapel (pending confirmation). gRAnD HoTeL De LA MIneRVe (B,D)

FRIDAY, JULY 29
rome
Delve into the world of ancient Rome this morning on a walking tour that includes the Forum and Colosseum. After lunch, explore independently, or join us for a visit to Gladiator School, an optional program where kids get hands-on exposure to the secrets of Imperial Rome’s gladiatorial games. grand hotel de la minevre (b)

SATURDAY, JULY 30
rome / cIVITAveCCHIA / eMBARK
Take the morning for independent exploration of this fascinating city. Later this afternoon, board Sea Dream I to begin our cruise. Sea Dream I (B,D)

SUNDAY, JULY 31
POMPEII / MT. VESUVIUS
Today head inland on an excursion to Pompeii, the famous Roman city that was both destroyed and preserved by the eruption of Mount Vesuvius in 79 C.E. Few other places so vividly illustrate what life was like for 1st-century Romans. Highlights include Pompeii’s Forum, the temples of Apollo and Jupiter, and the Stabian Baths, the best-preserved and most complete complex on the entire site. After lunch, take an excursion to Mount Vesuvius for an up-close encounter with the volcano that buried Pompeii and to this very day threatens the modern city of Naples. Sea Dream I (B,L,D)

MONDAY, AUGUST 1
AMALFI COAST
Enjoy a morning sail along the Amalfi coast, a landscape of towering cliffs, terraced hillside villages and expansive vistas overlooking the stunning Mediterranean. Visit Amalfi, with its typical Mediterranean architecture, and stop at the Cloister of Paradise, which was built in the 13th century and is home to mosaics and paintings and some 120 columns built in the Arabic style. Sea Dream I (B,L,D)

TUESDAY, AUGUST 2
TAORMINA, SICILY, ITALY
Disembark in Taormina, a small town on Sicily’s east coast that offers stunning views of the cone of Mount Etna, the largest active volcano in Europe. Taormina is home to great restaurants, shops, a nearby beach and an impressive ancient Greek theater offering dramatic views of the Sicilian coastline. Sea Dream I (B,L,D)

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 3
OLYMPIA, GREECE
Arriving on the western shores of Greece’s Peloponnesse peninsula, explore Olympia, an ancient sanctuary dedicated to Zeus and home of the original Olympic games. Families have the opportunity to tour the sacred area, including the temples of Hera and Zeus, the Council House, the Treasuries and the stadium where Young Explorers get to run a race around the track in the footsteps of the legendary first Olympians. Sea Dream I (B,L,D)
THURSDAY, AUGUST 4
NAFPLION / EPIDaurus
Dock in the seaside town of Nafplion and explore its charming neoclassical streets. Continue to Epidaurus to view the ancient shrine of Asclepius, son of Apollo and god of medicine, and to visit the beautifully preserved 4th-century theater. The vast site, with its temples and hospital buildings devoted to the healing gods, provides valuable insight into the healing cults that existed in ancient Greek and Roman times. **SEA DREAM I** *(B,L,D)*

FRIDAY, AUGUST 5
PIRAEUS / ATHENS
Upon arrival in the port of Piraeus, travel to Athens to explore a vast array of ancient and modern sites, including the Acropolis and the Acropolis museum. Return to the Sea Dream I for our farewell reception and dinner and overnight. **SEA DREAM I** *(B,D)*

SATURDAY, AUGUST 6
ATHENS / DISEMBARK / U.S.
Disembark and transfer to the Athens airport for return flights to the U.S. *(B)*

Kids consistently give our Family Adventures an enthusiastic thumbs’ up because each trip features our outrageously cool Young Explorer Program! Young Explorers are grouped with travelers their own age to take part in awesome activities that are both educational and fun.

Young Explorers can channel some of their boundless energy playing games and doing craft activities in their Young Explorer groups. They’ll also challenge their minds during hands-on, educational and fun activities that promise to fuel their creativity and spark their inner genius. Young Explorers can also look forward to incredible “kids-only” adventures, tours and meals.

Our Young Explorer program is led by recent Stanford grads who have spent their summers working as counselors at Stanford Sierra Camp. Young Explorer Leaders are pros at understanding and adapting to the personalities and interests of each Young Explorer, which means that everyone has a great time.

About Family Adventures

On our Family Adventures, everything—from the timing to the activities to the special events—is selected to enhance the overall experience for your entire family. Families spend most of their time on tours together as a family. On occasion the kids will go off adventuring with their Young Explorer leaders while grownups enjoy adults-only activities such as extended museum and site tours. Parents and grandparents can enjoy lectures by renowned Stanford faculty and scholars while kids meet in their Young Explorer groups. Young Explorer leaders—at least one for every 10 kids—come prepared with games, activities and lots of energy to keep kids engaged and entertained.
Sea Dream I

One of the top small cruise ships in the world, the deluxe Sea Dream I offers accommodations in 56 suites, each elegantly furnished and affording sea views. Teak decks and luxury amenities reflect a passion for style, quality and casual perfection. Spacious public areas include a dining salon, topside restaurant, library, elegant lounge, fitness center, beauty salon, swimming pool and hot tub. Staterooms feature a refrigerator, entertainment center, marble-appointed bathroom(s), robes and slippers, safe and individually controlled AC.

Program Cost*

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*Association nonmembers add $300 per person. Rates are per person. Children ages 18 and younger on the date the trip begins receive a discount of $500. Single-occupancy cabins are limited.
Dates
July 26 to August 6, 2016 (12 days)

Size
This program can accommodate 103 participants.

Included
3 nights of deluxe hotel accommodations • 7-night cruise aboard Sea Dream I • 10 breakfasts, 5 lunches, 8 dinners • Welcome and farewell receptions • Gratuities to guides, drivers and ship crew for all group activities • All tours and shore excursions as described in the itinerary • Transfers and baggage handling on program arrival and departure days • Port fees and embarkation taxes • Minimal medical, accident and evacuation insurance • Educational program with lecture series for adults and Young Explorer program for children, pre-departure materials, including recommended reading list, a selected book, map and travel information • Services of our professional tour manager to assist you throughout the program

Not Included
International and U.S. domestic airfare • Passport and visa fees • Immunization costs • Meals and beverages other than those specified as included • Independent and private transfers • Trip-cancellation/interruption and baggage insurance • Excess-baggage charges • Personal items such as internet access, telephone and fax calls, laundry and gratuities for nongroup services

Air Arrangements
International and U.S. domestic airfare is not included in the program cost. Round-trip, economy-class airfare on United Airlines from San Francisco to Rome, Italy, and return from Athens, Greece, is approximately $1,900 as of October 2015 and is subject to change without notice.

Fuel Costs
In the uncertain, often volatile oil market of late, it is difficult to predict fuel costs over the long term and, more specifically, at the time of operation of this voyage. Our prices are based upon the prevailing fuel rates at the time of brochure printing. While we will do everything possible to maintain our prices, if the fuel rates increase significantly, it may be necessary to institute a fuel surcharge.

What to Expect
The Mediterranean Family Adventure is moderately strenuous and at times physically demanding, with some late nights. Participants must be physically fit, active and in good health. Daily programs involve walking three to five miles from bus drop-off points through city centers, in museums, at archaeological sites and on tours, as well as extended periods of standing in museums and on tours. Participants will encounter uneven terrain, including hills and some dirt and cobblestoned paths. Summer in Italy and Greece is typically hot and humid; temperatures on this program range from the low 80s (°F) to the low 90s during the day to the mid-60s in the evenings.

Deposit & Final Payment
A $1,000-per-person deposit is required to hold your space. An additional deposit of $1,500 per person is due by December 15. Sign up online at alumni.stanford.edu/trip?medfamily2016 or call the Travel/Study office at (650) 725-1093. Final payment is due 120 days prior to departure. As a condition of participation, all confirmed participants are required to sign a Release of Liability.

Cancellations & Refunds
Deposits and any payments are refundable, less a $500-per-person cancellation fee, until 120 days prior to departure. After that date, refunds can be made only if the program is sold out and your place(s) can be resold, in which case a $1,000-per-person cancellation fee will apply.

Insurance
Stanford Travel/Study provides all travelers who are U.S. or Canadian citizens with minimal medical, accident and evacuation coverage under our group-travel insurance policy. Our group policy is intended to provide minimal levels of protection while you are traveling on this program. You may choose to subscribe to optional trip-cancellation and baggage insurance. Information will be provided to travelers with their welcome materials. The product offered includes special benefits if you purchase your policy within 14 days of written confirmation of your participation on the trip.

Eligibility
We encourage membership in the Alumni Association as the program cost for nonmembers is $300 more than the members’ price. Families and travel companions may travel on one membership. For more information or to purchase a membership, visit alumni.stanford.edu/goto/membership or call (650) 725-0692.

Responsibility
The Stanford Alumni Association, Stanford University and our operators act only as agents for the passenger with respect to transportation and ship arrangements and exercise every care possible in doing so. However, we can assume no liability for injury, damage, loss, accident, delay or irregularity in connection with the service of any automobile, motorcoach, launch or any other conveyance used in carrying out this program or for the acts or defaults of any company or person engaged in conveying the passenger or in carrying out the arrangements of the program. We cannot accept any responsibility for losses or additional expenses due to delay or changes in air or other services, sickness, weather, strike, war, quarantine, force majeure or other causes beyond our control. All such losses or expenses will have to be borne by the passenger as tour rates provide arrangements only for the time stated. We reserve the right to make such alterations to this published itinerary as may be deemed necessary. The right is reserved to cancel any program prior to departure in which case the entire payment will be refunded without further obligation on our part. The right is also reserved to decline to accept or retain any person as a member of the program. No refund will be made for an unused portion of any tour unless arrangements are made in sufficient time to avoid penalties. Baggage is carried at the owner’s risk entirely. It is understood that the ship’s ticket, when issued, shall constitute the sole contract between the passenger and the cruise company. The airlines concerned are not to be held responsible for any act, omission or event during the time that passengers are not onboard their plane or conveyance. Neither the Alumni Association, Stanford University nor our operators accept liability for any carrier’s cancellation penalty incurred by the purchase of a nonrefundable ticket in connection with the tour. Program price is based on rates in effect in October 2015 and is subject to change without notice to reflect fluctuations in exchange rates, tariffs or fuel charges.

Telephone (650) 725-1093
Email travelstudy@alumni.stanford.edu

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The Young Explorer Leaders were fantastic! They seemed always willing to go ‘above and beyond’ and to enjoy interacting with the kids.”

Celina Coridore, ’95, Aegean Family Adventure, 2015

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Acropolis, Athens